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Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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MM Docket No. 93-125 ✓

In re Applications of

(Eldon F. Hestand, File No. BPH-910705MK  
John C. McVey,  
and Michael S. Morris d/b/a)  
LAND RUSH COMMUNICATIONS  
(hereafter "Land Rush")

ROBERT V. CLARK File No. BPH-910708MD  
(hereafter "Clark")

For Construction Permit for  
a New FM Station on Channel  
273A (102.5 MHz) in  
Arkansas City, Kansas

# HEARING DESIGNATION ORDER

Adopted: April 21, 1993;

Released: May 5, 1993

By the Chief, Audio Services Division:

1. The Commission has before it the above-captioned mutually exclusive applications for a new FM station.

2. *Land Rush*. Land Rush proposes to sidemount its antenna on an existing 54.9 meter tower in Creswell, Kansas. The tower, Land Rush indicates, currently supports various two-way communications antennas. Our engineering study indicates that this proposal may significantly exceed the ANSI guidelines for human exposure to radio frequency (RF) radiation as outlined in OST Bulletin No. 65 (October 1985). Consequently, we are concerned that Land Rush may have failed to comply with the environmental criteria set forth in the *Report and Order* in GEN Docket No. 79-163, 51 Fed. Reg. 14999 (April 12, 1986). Under the rules, applicants must determine whether their proposals would have a significant environmental effect under the criteria set out in 47 C.F.R. § 1.1307. If the application is determined to be subject to environmental processing under the 47 C.F.R. § 1.1307 criteria, the applicant must then submit an Environmental Assessment (EA) containing the information delineated in 47 C.F.R. § 1.1311. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1307 states that an EA must be prepared if the proposed operation would cause exposure to workers or the general public to levels of RF radiation exceeding specific standards. Since Land Rush failed to indicate how workers engaged in maintenance and repair would be protected from exposure to levels exceeding the ANSI guidelines, it will be required to submit the environmental impact information described in 47 C.F.R. § 1.1311. See generally, OST Bulletin No. 65 (October, 1985) entitled "Evaluating Compliance With FCC-Specified Guidelines For Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Radi-

ation," at 28. Therefore, Land Rush will be required to file, within 30 days of the release of this Order, an EA with the presiding Administrative Law Judge. In addition, a copy shall be filed with the Chief, Audio Services Division, who will then proceed regarding this matter in accordance with the provisions of 47 C.F.R. § 1.1308. Accordingly, the comparative phase of the case will be allowed to begin before the environmental phase is completed. See *Golden State Broadcasting Corp.*, 71 FCC 2d 229 (1979), *recon. denied sub nom Old Pueblo Broadcasting Corp.*, 83 FCC 2d 337 (1980).

3. *Other matters*. Data submitted by the applicants indicate there would be a significant difference in the size of the areas which would receive service from the proposals. Consequently, the areas and populations which would receive FM service of 1 mV/m or greater intensity, together with the availability of other primary aural services in such areas, will be considered under the standard comparative issue for the purpose of determining whether a comparative preference should accrue to any of the applicants.

4. Except as may be indicated by any issues specified below, the applicants are qualified to construct and operate as proposed. Since the proposals are mutually exclusive, they must be designated for hearing in a consolidated proceeding on the issues specified below.

5. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, That, pursuant to Section 309(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the applications ARE DESIGNATED FOR HEARING IN A CONSOLIDATED PROCEEDING, at a time and place to be specified in a subsequent Order, upon the following issues:

1. If a final environmental impact statement is issued with respect to Land Rush in which it is concluded that the proposed facility is likely to have an adverse effect on the quality of the environment, to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, as implemented by 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1301-1319.

2. To determine which of the proposals would, on a comparative basis, better serve the public interest.

3. To determine, in light of the evidence adduced pursuant to the specified issues, which of the applications should be granted, if any.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That in accordance with paragraph 2 hereinabove, Land Rush shall submit the environmental assessment required by 47 C.F.R. § 1.1311 to the presiding Administrative Law Judge within 30 days of the release of this Order, with a copy to the Chief, Audio Services Division.

7. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That a copy of each document filed in this proceeding subsequent to the date of adoption of this Order shall be served on the counsel of record in the Hearing Branch appearing on behalf of the Chief, Mass Media Bureau. Parties may inquire as to the identity of the counsel of record by calling the Hearing Branch at (202) 632-6402. Such service shall be addressed to the named counsel of record, Hearing Branch, Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2025 M Street, N.W., Suite 7212, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of each amendment filed in this proceeding subsequent to the date of adoption of this Order shall be served on the Chief,

Data Management Staff, Audio Services Division, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 350, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

8. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That, to avail themselves of the opportunity to be heard, the applicants and any party respondent herein shall, pursuant to Section 1.221(c) of the Commission's Rules, in person or by attorney within 20 days of the mailing of this Order, file with the Commission, in triplicate, a written appearance stating an intention to appear on the date fixed for hearing and to present evidence on the issues specified in this Order.

9. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the applicants herein shall, pursuant to Section 311(a)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 73.3594 of the Commission's Rules, give notice of the hearing within the time and in the manner prescribed in such Rule, and shall advise the Commission of the publication of such notice as required by Section 73.3594(g) of the Rules.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

W. Jan Gay, Assistant Chief  
Audio Services Division  
Mass Media Bureau